United Nations E/2007/L.11

Economic and Social Council

Distr.: Limited
13 June 2007

Original: English

Substantive session of 2007
Geneva, 2 July-27 July 2007
Item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda*
Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation: reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

Extract from the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its 2007 annual session (4-8 June 2007)

Decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its annual session of 2007

Contents

Decision		*Page*
2007/6.	Annual report of the Executive Director	2
2007/7.	The organizational review of UNICEF	2
2007/8.	The UNICEF education strategy in support of the medium-term strategic plan	3
2007/9.	The Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative	3
2007/10.	Country programme documents	4
2007/11.	Recommendation for additional other resources for approved country programmes	5

* E/2007/100.

07-38160 (E) 250607

2007/6. Annual report of the Executive Director

The Executive Board,

1. *Takes note* of the "Annual report of the Executive Director: progress and achievements against the medium-term strategic plan" (MTSP) (E/ICEF/2007/9);

2. *Recognizes* that this is the first report on the MTSP 2006-2009;

3. *Welcomes* the progress that UNICEF has made to improve its strategic focus, the strong alignment of its activities with the MTSP and the recognition of the importance of results-based management;

4. *Welcomes* the progress made in countries supported by UNICEF in the five focus areas of the MTSP, but also recognizes that many countries, particularly countries in Africa, still face challenges in these areas, and in this regard urges UNICEF to continue to strengthen its support to these countries, with a view to tackling the remaining challenges;

5. *Appreciates* that the annual report gives an overview of the outcomes and results of the activities undertaken in the five focus areas of the UNICEF MTSP and of the linkages between results and resources, and further takes note of the accompanying data companion that defines key trends;

6. *Underlines* the importance of the annual report as a key part of the accountability framework to the Executive Board, particularly in reporting on results and outcomes in the implementation of the MTSP, while recognizing that the annual report should be complemented by analytical reports to the Board from the evaluation function on the contribution of UNICEF to development outcomes at the country level as well as on the aggregate level;

7. *Encourages* UNICEF to further institutionalize strengthening of data gathering to track progress against all MTSP results and indicators;

8. *Requests* UNICEF to include in the next annual report key challenges on the programmatic, organizational and financial level under each focus area, and to include a section reporting on specific results and resources related to major global partnerships, as well as an annually updated data companion.

Annual session
7 June 2007

2007/7. The organizational review of UNICEF

The Executive Board,

1. *Takes note* of the UNICEF initiative in undertaking an organizational review to continue to improve the strategic impact of UNICEF;

2. *Requests* the Executive Director to submit for consideration and decision by the Executive Board the changes proposed to be made through the organizational review; and in this regard requests the Executive Director to submit at the second regular session of the Executive Board in September 2007 a report that includes:

(a) details of the proposed organizational review, including the impact on the UNICEF presence in the field at the country and regional levels and the timeframes envisaged for the implementation of the proposed changes;

(b) the rationale for each of the proposed changes;

(c) a clear explanation of the implications on the biennial support budget for 2008-2009 of the implementation of changes as a result of the review;

(d) a summary of the areas where proposed reforms are still being considered.

Annual session
7 June 2007

2007/8. The UNICEF education strategy in support of the medium-term strategic plan

The Executive Board

1. *Reaffirms* the medium-term strategic plan for 2006-2009 (MTSP) as the guiding framework for all areas of UNICEF programming;

2. *Welcomes* the 'UNICEF education strategy' (E/ICEF/2007/10) as the support document for programmes in support of education, and in implementation of the MTSP and its cross-cutting strategies, as well as for achieving the Millennium Development Goals;

3. *Requests* the Executive Director to ensure that UNICEF increases its efforts to further develop national capacities to improve outcomes as outlined in this support strategy for the MTSP;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director to apply the UNICEF education strategy in the priority countries defined according to the strategy, while ensuring at the same time cooperation in the education field with other countries in support of their national plans and policies;

5. *Requests* the Executive Director to ensure that comments on the UNICEF education strategy by members of the Executive Board at its annual session of 2007 are taken into consideration when implementing programmes of support in the area of education;

6. *Takes note* of the indicators established in the UNICEF education strategy, and requests the Executive Director to ensure consistency and clear links between these indicators and those approved in the MTSP for the education focus area, and that future reports fully track all indicators, where possible.

Annual session
7 June 2007

2007/9. The Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative

The Executive Board,

Having considered the document E/ICEF/2007/11 and decision 2007/EB.1/3 of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme (WFP);

1. *Approves* the participation of UNICEF in the Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative (ECHUI), including its work plan and secretariat as described in E/ICEF/2007/11;

2. *Urges* the Executive Director to ensure that the medium-term strategic plan (MTSP), including its cross-cutting strategies and support strategies, is the guiding strategic and financial framework for all of UNICEF partnerships, including ECHUI;

3. *Takes note of* the report of the Executive Director and in this regard, approves the allocation of up to $1 million of resources to fund the joint secretariat for this Initiative from core resources in the absence of other resources to fund the secretariat.

4. *Requests* the Executive Director to submit at the annual session of the Executive Board in June 2008 a report on the implementation of the Initiative including among others a description of:

(a) the Initiative's implications on the allocation by UNICEF of financial and human resources at global and country level;

as well as, in consultation with WFP and other partners,

(b) the involvement and ownership of national Governments in the implementation of the Initiative;

(c) an overview of the resources mobilized for the implementation of the Initiative;

(d) the linkages between the implementation of the Initiative and the Common Country Assessment, United Nations Development Assistance Framework and poverty reduction strategy processes;

(e) the results of this Initiative, including the work of the secretariat.

Annual session
7 June 2007

2007/10. Country programme documents

The Executive Board

Approves the aggregate indicative budgets for the following country programmes of cooperation:

Region/country	*Period*	*Regular resources*	*Other resources*	*Document E/ICEF/2007/*
Eastern and Southern Africa				
Comoros	2008-2012	3 715 000	6 250 000	P/L.2
Malawi	2008-2011	30 144 000	94 032 000	P/L.3
Burundi	2008	6 973 000	7 930 000	P/L.4
West and Central Africa				
Cameroon	2008-2012	17 660 000	35 000 000	P/L.5
Guinea-Bissau	2008-2012	8 225 000	18 000 000	P/L.7
Mali	2008-2012	59 840 000	66 647 000	P/L.8
Sierra Leone	2008-2010	19 473 000	36 000 000	P/L.9
Côte d'Ivoire	2008	4 903 000	15 000 000	P/L.10
Niger	2008	14 354 000	15 000 000	P/L.11
Nigeria	2008	29 303 000	49 000 000	P/L.12
Latin America and the Caribbean				
Bolivia	2008-2012	6 470 000	66 000 000	P/L.13
Cuba	2008-2012	3 160 000	6 000 000	P/L.14

Eastern Caribbean multi-country programme, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago	2008-2011	12 800 000		20 000 000		P/L.15
East Asia and the Pacific						
Malaysia	2008-2010	1 500 000		4 500 000		P/L.16
Papua New Guinea	2008-2012	7 150 000		45 000 000		P/L.17
Timor-Leste	2008	1 125 000		10 000 000		P/L.18
South Asia						
Bhutan	2008-2012	4 830 000		15 000 000		P/L.19
India	2008-2012	162 900 000		350 000 000		P/L.20
Maldives	2008-2010	2 202 000		3 000 000		P/L.21
Sri Lanka	2008-2012	4 000 000		35 000 000		P/L.22
Middle East and North Africa						
Djibouti	2008-2012	3 950 000		9 000 000		P/L.23
Jordan	2008-2012	3 335 000		6 000 000		P/L.24
Palestinian children and woman in Jordan, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Occupied Palestinian Territory	2008-2009	8 000 000		24 900 000		P/L.25
Lebanon	2008	616 000		5 000 000		P/L.26
Sudan	2008	7 649 000		70 000 000		P/L.27

Annual session
7 June 2007

2007/11. Recommendation for additional other resources for approved country programmes

The Executive Board

Approves the other resources ceilings for the approved country programmes for the 36 countries listed in table 1 and the intercountry programmes listed in table 2 of document E/ICEF/2007/P/L.28 for the remaining periods of these programmes, subject to the availability of other resources contributions.

Annual session
7 June 2007